Stage 1 of Palmerston Super Clinic Opens

The Health Minister Chris Burns and the Member for Solomon Damian Hale today officially launched stage one of the Palmerston super clinic.

Dr Burns said stage one was a joint initiative between the Northern Territory and Australian governments.

“The local Federal Member Damian Hale and I have worked hard to deliver this important service to the people of Palmerston and the rural area,” Dr Burns said.

Mr Hale said the after-hours urgent care clinic is being made possible through the Northern Territory Government’s commitment of $2 million a year.

“This financial commitment is a welcome first step in the Commonwealth’s $10 million plan for a more comprehensive super clinic in Palmerston that will deliver a range of improved health services to the local community,” Mr Hale said.

The clinic will operate from 6pm to 8am seven days a week from the Palmerston Health Precinct on the corner of Roystonea Ave and Temple Tce.

Dr Burns said the service will be staffed by doctors who have been hired by the Health Department from interstate – none of the doctors are coming from existing positions.

“The clinic is free to those requiring urgent care – so residents might attend the service if it’s after-hours and their child has an earache or they have a cut that needs stitching,” Dr Burns said.

The after-hours urgent-care service is not for routine GP appointments. For serious injuries and illness the ambulance service and Royal Darwin Hospital should continue to be used.

The 24-hour NT Health Direct line is also available on 1800 186 026.

“The after-hours urgent-care clinic is an important step in strengthening health services in the Palmerston and rural region into the future,” Dr Burns said.

“I am pleased that together with the Australian Government we have been able to deliver real results for Palmerston families.”

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